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MEMORANDUM

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY- KINGSPORT, TN

JULY 31, 2012

Meeting 1 Kingsport, TN 9:10 AM - 10:00 AM

Commissioner Julie McPeak
Larry Knight
Chlora Lindley-Myers
Christopher Garrett
Charlie Schneider
Sheila Burke

20 in attendance

Opening remarks Commissioner Julie McPeak- greetings on behalf of Governor Haslam. Summarized why we are here, focus on Essential Health Benefits, not other issues.

1) Dr. Rees- Tennessee Psychological Society, Behavioral Health Provider

Focus: Mental Health/Substance Abuse
Integrate behavioral health and physical health.

Example: Psych counseling required before bariatric surgery. Great model in Kingsport.

2) Cristen Dugger- Registered dietician

Focus: Cover nutrition under prevention services, helps avoid obesity, diabetes etc.

(Commissioner McPeak/Governor interested in these issues)

3) Lauren Dyck- Registered dietician

Focus: Nutrition Counseling

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Works with weight management program cited statistics regarding obesity. Tennessee 6th in nation in obesity. Physicians don't provide this kind of counseling, registered dieticians critical part of team.

Question: Can you bill for your services?

Commissioner McPeak response: Bariatric surgery counseling likely.

Available for renal, diabetes counseling but not general weight management.

end 9:20 AM

4) Mike Leventhal- Tennessee Men's Network (arrived 9:45 AM)

Focus: Need for broad range of benefits/services

Course of treatment should be in conversation with providers not government.

Treatment varies among populations, wide variety of therapies and drugs need to be available-one size does not fit all.

Choose plan that includes state mandates so state does not have to pay.